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New York Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremony

NEW YORK -- Immigration Judge Sarah Burr from the Executive Office for Immigration Review, New York Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of allegiance to approximately 150 candidates during a naturalization ceremony at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, on June 8, 2012. The New York District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, hosted the ceremony.

Biographical Information

Attorney General Janet Reno appointed Judge Burr as an immigration judge in New York in 1994. In 2006, the chief immigration judge appointed Judge Burr as an assistant chief immigration judge (ACIJ) with jurisdiction over the New York, Fishkill, Ulster, and Varick Street immigration courts. Judge Burr served as an ACIJ until returning to the bench full time in January, 2011. Judge Burr received a bachelor of arts degree in 1971 from George Washington University and a juris doctorate in 1980 from Benjamin Cardozo Law School. From February 1994 to October 2006, she served as an immigration judge in New York, under the appointment of Attorney General Janet Reno. From 1981 to 1994, Judge Burr worked as a staff attorney and as a supervisory attorney for the immigration unit of the Legal Aid Society in New York. From 1980 to 1981, she served as a law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge John Caden, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. Judge Burr is a member of the New York State Bar.

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